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CLUB NOTES

BEFORE OUR match at Villa Park the psychological effect of a bogy ground was remarked upon in our host's programme in this wise: "We are hoping to improve further upon our wonderful home record against Preston, who have managed only one League win here since 1919."

Sad but true. In fact, apart from our 1964 Cup semi-final victory v. Swansea Town, our record was 19 defeats, one win and a draw. Between a 4-2 win on October 18th, 1919, and one on November 20th, 1954 we lost 14 in succession.

Happily for North End that traditional bogy was laid by our third away win which, with three draws, makes nine points from as many away matches, and a gain of four points on last season's corresponding games. Our record is among the best in the Division.

An analysis of all the away results shows that only Millwall (12 points) and Blackburn Rovers (11) have done better than North End. Only three, Millwall (with 18 goals to 9), Rovers (12-8) and Norwich (15-12) have a better away goals average than Preston's 7-7.

This season, on corresponding games, our gains total 10 points and our losses six. Results so far compared with those of last season, are —

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
1968-69 ..	17	6	7	4	18	15	19
1967-68 ..	17	5	5	7	20	26	15

We may be fairly said to be holding our own with the teams at present higher than North End in the table. There are eight of them, although only five points separate Millwall, the latest leaders with 24 points, from ourselves in the ninth position.

Seven goals, nine points

We have played all the eight at home or away, and the results speak for themselves — v. Millwall (a) 0-0, v. Derby County (a) 0-1, v. Blackburn Rovers (h) 1-1, v. Huddersfield (h) 1-0, v. Crystal Palace (a) 2-1, v. Middlesbrough (a) 2-2, v. Hull City (h) 1-0, v. Charlton (h) 1-1.

Thus North End got nine of their 19 points from these eight encounters, scoring seven goals to six.

Our away record is the more creditable considering the testing nature of most of the opposition. The following details present a favourable picture —

Pos.	Team	Home Record W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Result v. N.E.
1	Millwall	5	2	2	16	9	12	0-0
2	Derby County	7	2	0	14	5	16	1-0
5	Crystal Palace....	6	2	1	21	11	14	1-2
6	Middlesbrough ..	6	2	0	14	3	14	2-1
10	Cardiff City	5	1	3	12	10	11	1-0
11	Blackpool	3	4	2	13	9	10	1-1
13	Portsmouth	3	2	4	14	12	8	1-1
17	Bury	2	2	4	13	16	6	0-1
22	Aston Villa	2	5	2	7	6	9	0-1
		39	22	18	124	81	100	7-7

In eight home matches we have scored 11 goals to 8 (five of them conceded v. Norwich and Carlisle) for 10 points. Looking back, and thinking of the scoring chances North End created in these games, a sad reflection is that we could have won the lot !

Programme: Editorial—WALTER PILKINGTON and STUART WEBB (Asst. Secretary)

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From the Manager's Chair

HOW I SEE IT

by North End manager
BOBBY SEITH

IN SPITE of some conflicting reports, some of which were shy about giving North End due credit, I can assure supporters that we had a good win at Villa Park and were value for it.

Don't forget the Villa were desperate for points and this type of match is never easy. We earned what we got. Two away points must be accounted a good performance by any reckoning.

It was rather a thoughtless remark in one report that it never occurred to us that we could take two points, and that we have no hope of promotion unless we try to win every away match.

Believe, me, we try to win EVERY match. That was our aim at Villa Park and we succeeded. We did play it tight when necessary. Everyone was prepared to go back and help out under pressure. It's the right way to play the game. Villa's attacks were well cushioned and there was seldom any real danger. One report stated "Kelly rarely had a worthwhile shot to save."

As for attacking we linked up well and had more and better chances than Villa. Very little was made of Irvine getting the ball in the net after Ingram had been sandwiched on the edge of the box. A foul was signalled as Willie went on and scored. It would have been a goal if the advantage rule had been applied, but on this occasion the ref. was quick on the whistle.

Nothing was said in our favour, either, about Gemmill having one kicked off the line in the first half with the keeper beaten. These were two examples, surely, of trying to win. However, there was one comment which, to me, just about summed it up. It read, "This was no lucky break for Preston who always looked likely winners and were seldom seriously troubled."

The decider was put out as an "own goal" by Turnbull, but as far as we are concerned it is credited to Ken Knighton who was the last to play the ball before it passed over the line. Both Turnbull and Irvine touched it, but did so afterwards. Therefore it is Ken's goal.

It was sad indeed to see the demonstration by spectators near the finish against the Villa management. Disappointed as the fans were by the result it was a disgusting exhibition. Our players were distressed about it afterwards. We have every sympathy with the Aston Villa club, and indeed with their ex-manager, remembering our own plight during most of last season.

I remarked recently that we had done remarkably well with regard to injuries this season. Perhaps I ought to have kept quiet about it. For we have had our share since then, with knocks, strains, muscle troubles and sickness. Throughout the League there has been a tremendous crop of casualties of one sort and another, all making it so much more difficult to keep a settled team.

Dave Wilson had played in every match until getting a knee injury at Derby from which he has now recovered. Against Hull at Deepdale John Ritchie got the worst of it in a collision after clearing the ball and had his forehead cut open. It was a nasty jagged cut requiring eight stitches. He had to wait till last Saturday for a try out with the Reserves.

In the same match Alan Kelly had part of an ear almost torn off in an unusual incident when he had his head down trying to get possession. An opponent's boot accidentally caught his ear. Alan courageously carried on wearing a bandage, but the wound needed eight stitches.

At Millwall he was in the wars again with a knock on a knee. Although he could not kick or bear his weight on it, he stuck to his post throughout the second half. It says much for the protection given him by his colleagues that he did not have to save until near the end.

At half time in this match Jim McNab, not long better from tonsillitis, complained of pains in the head and symptoms of flu, but he, too, turned out again and helped to save a point. As if this were not enough, Willie Irvine had to cry off just before the game through feeling unwell. Gerry Ingram took over at centre forward and played quite well.

All are fit again, as is Bert Patrick who has come through his tests without any ill effects.

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PRESTON MARKSMEN

Meet the crack marksmen of Preston. On the left Willie Irvine, ace scorer of North End. On the right Bob Braithwaite, the man who won a gold medal in Mexico for clay pigeon shooting. Willie, with a creditable 14 goals to his name already this season, was amazed at Bob's accuracy with the gun — having had 198 hits out of a possible 200 in Mexico. Bob modestly replied: "At least in the Olympics you don't have people kicking your legs from under you when you're shooting." Not on the clay pigeon range at any rate! Quite a point to make though, when you consider Division Two soccer at present.

FOOTBALL'S OTHER MARKSMEN

(Up to and including matches played on Saturday, November 9th, 1968)

Division I	Lge.	FLC	Eur. Comps	Total
Greaves (Tottenham) ..	15	4	—	19
Hurst (West Ham).....	13	4	—	17
Moore (Nottm. Forest)..	13	1	—	14
Division II				
Curran (Norwich)	15	5	—	20
Willie Irvine (Preston)	11	3	—	14
Toshack (Cardiff)	11	—	2	13

Division III	Lge.	FLC	Eur. Comps.	Total
Rogers (Swindon)	10	5	—	15
Lewis (Luton)	11	1	—	12
Yardley (Tranmere)	9	3	—	12
Division IV				
Banks (Exeter)	12	2	—	14
Ham (Bradford City) ..	11	2	—	13
Talbot (Chester)	12	1	—	13

BRISTOL CITY 1968/69

Back Row (left to right): T. Jacobs, J. Galley, G. Parr, M. Gibson, J. Connor, K. Wimshurst, A. Briggs, L. Beardsley (Physiotherapist).
Front Row (left to right): B. Kellard, G. Merrick, J. Derrick, C. Crowe, C. Garland.

OUR VISITORS

OUR WELCOME guests of to-day went back with both points by the only goal after visiting Deepdale last December. In April they had the satisfaction of completing their second "double" of the season, the other being against relegated Plymouth. After a lengthy period anxiously striving, like ourselves, to avoid relegation, they ended fourth from the bottom, a place above North End.

City had one good season on returning to Division Two in 1966, for their sixth spell in this company, then had two lean years. Another seems in prospect judging by the fact that the club, now 18th in the chart, have not been higher than 16th since August 26th. Only two League wins by 1-0 against Blackburn Rovers on August 31st and 1-0 v. Villa on October 8th stand to their credit.

They are, however, champion drawists in the Division with five at home (v. Sheffield United, Bolton Wanderers, Derby County, Birmingham and Portsmouth) and five away (v. Blackpool, Hull City, Millwall, Oxford and Charlton). Even fewer goals have been scored in their matches (for and against) than North End—31 compared with almost equal starvation rations of 33. City's own total is 13.

This baker's dozen is shared by Galley 5, Garland 3, Kellard 2, Sharpe 2 and Wimshurst. Two each were scored by Galley and Garland in League Cup ties. Bristol knocked out Newport County by 2-0 and Middlesbrough by 1-0 before losing 1-2 in a strenuous, plucky fight at Leeds. Last Saturday City suffered their second home defeat through Huddersfield scoring the only goal.

Younger by 11 years than the neighbouring Rovers (founded 1883), the Ashton Gate club lived precariously for three years as Bristol South End, but began to thrive when amalgamated with Bedminster in 1897 and re-named Bristol City. One Sam Hollis—a manager without a team—was put in charge, handed £40, and told to do the best he could. He recruited eight good players for £8 apiece.

The next step was Southern League membership of which City were runners-up three times in four seasons. From then the club had a romantic, meteoric and somewhat nomadic career, starting with election to The Football League in 1901 by 23 votes. Surprising everybody, the City in five Second Division seasons were sixth, fourth three times, then promoted as undisputed champions.

The only subsequent record comparable with their 1905-06 promotion feat of P38, W30, D6, L2, Goals 83-28, Pts.66, is Doncaster Rovers' League record total of 72 from 42 matches in winning promotion to Division Two, 1947. The League's best average is still North End's 40 of a maximum 44 in 1888-89.

Bristol City staggered the football world on making their First Division debut 1906-07 by finishing as runners-up to Newcastle United. Three years later, with England's automatically selected centre half, Billy Wedlock, their inspiring leader, they knocked out three noted previous Cup Finalists, Southampton, Bury and Derby, only to lose in the Final at the Crystal Palace to Manchester United. Relegated after five seasons they never regained Division One status.

Pen Pictures

Mike GIBSON (*goalkeeper*). Born Derby, was signed April, 1963, from Shrewsbury. Previously with Gresley Rovers and Nuneaton. Had made 191 consecutive appearances when injured on April 27th.

Tony FORD (*right back*). Born Thornbury, Glos. Product of juniors, is nearing 200 mark in first team games. F.A. Youth honours 1962.

Alec BRIGGS (*left back*). Born Sheffield. Started as local junior 12 years ago, turning pro. in May, 1957. Strong tackler who has missed only eight games in his club's last seven seasons.

Ken WIMSHURST (*right half*). Born South Shields. In his eleventh League season, joined City thirteen months ago from Southampton. His career also spans service with Newcastle United, Gateshead, and Wolverhampton. Ever-present this season.

Jack CONNOR (*centre half*). Born Maryport. At 6ft. 1in., and 13st., has fine physique for his job, and lots of experience, having exceeded 350 League and Cup appearances. Most were with Bristol—he signed from Huddersfield, 1960.

Gordon PARR (*left half*). Bristol-born, was a part-timer until finishing his National Service. Recently played his 200th first-team game.

Gerry SHARPE (*outside right*). Born Gloucester. Product of the club's youth policy, signed March, 1964, and was formerly an inside forward. Has scored 25 goals in his 77 appearances for City.

Chris GARLAND (*inside right*). Born Bristol. Not yet 20, progressed from club's junior grade. League debut v. North End in December, 1966. Made 32 first team appearances last season.

John GALLEY (*centre forward*). Signed from Rotherham to replace Hugh McIlmoyle on his return to Carlisle, was City's leading scorer last season with 17 goals in 21 League games. A dashing raider with strong shot. Born Clowne.

Bob KELLARD (*inside left*). Born Southend. Former Ipswich forward whose trasfer from "Pompey" in the close season cost Bristol their record fee. Also played for Southend and Crystal Palace. Seldom a scorer, but a shrewd strong leader, who has been appointed team captain.

Jantzsen DERRICK (*outside left*). Born Bristol, was in Bristol Boys 1957-58 trophy-winning team. Made his Second Division debut six weeks before 17th birthday. Has made 270 League appearances.

BRISTOL CITY

FOCUS on GEORGE ROSS

PLAYERS' pet aversions are surprising sometimes. Don't mention spiders or any other creepy, crawly things to right full back, George Ross, for instance. He hates insects. He will find a few in the garden, such as centipedes, but if he dislikes gardening he doesn't say so. He just does it.

Golf is in another category. Mention golf and George's cheerful face lights up. He remembers every stroke in a round as clearly as the strategic moves, near misses and timely tackles in a football match. His aim in his favourite unpaid sporting pursuit is to achieve a low handicap.

Married to Pat Ross he shares her joy in their only child, two and a half year old Andrew Calum. You are not thinking George comes from Cardiff or Dublin, by any chance? Sure he is Scottish and proud of it. A native of northerly Inverness, he couldn't have been born much farther from Sassenach country. North End's fondness for Scots swayed him to Deepdale for a career.

A very natural chap is George, and completely unassuming. No bounce. No danger of an extra size in hats, even if he wore one. He likes his life and his job, is proud of his team. Modest in victory, he would be analysing his own game, as likely as not, in defeat. These are only two reasons why he has always been popular. Two more are that he is unselfish and a 100 per cent trier every match.

Another of his manly instincts is his fondness for animals. Tail-wagging evidence of this is a dog called "Mac," without which the Ross household would be incomplete. In the food stakes I have used the operative word spelt differently from the sort George loves to get his teeth into. Since eggs and chips some second favourite, Mrs. Ross must find him easy to please and satisfy.

His leisure time is mainly occupied with his Austin 1100, gardening, golf and cine-photography. He dreamed of such things, plus football, during the first 15 years of his life at Inverness. Then North End stepped in to sign Hilton Athletic's right half with ideas of converting him into a full back.

He joined the Deepdale youth squad on September 15th, 1958, and 18 months later, now 17, became a professional, a decision he has never regretted. A taste of glory came quickly with fine displays in a run to the F.A. Youth Cup Final along with his mates Peter Thompson, Alan Spavin and Dave Wilson.

Since then he has made 279 League appearances for his only senior club, been on the losing side in the F.A. Cup Final, and still yearns most to go into the First Division with Preston North End.

W.P.

◀ George with his wife Pat and 2-year-old son Andrew strolling in the park.

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NORTH END FAC

League Division II, 1968-69

1968			1968-9	1967-8	Pts.	Attendances Gain	Loss	1968-9	1967-8
Aug. 10	Middlesbrough	A	1–2	0–5	0	4,664	—	19,014	14,350
,, 14	**F.L. Cup 1st Round, Oldham**	**H**	**1–1**	–	–	—	—	10,287	—
,, 17	Huddersfield Town	H	1–0	3–1	2	—	681	12,673	13,354
,, 21	**F.L. Cup 1st Rd. Replay, Oldham**	**A**	**1–0**	–	–	—	—	4,434	—
,, 24	Cardiff City	A	0–1	0–2	0	—	1,553	11,344	12,897
,, 26	Portsmouth	H	0–0	3–1	1	3,890	—	13,828	9,938
,, 31	Birmingham City	H	4–1	0–0	2	—	2,760	14,112	16,872
Sept. 4	**League Cup 2nd Rd., Crystal P.**	**A**	**1–3**	–	–	—	—	12,594	—
,, 7	Bury	A	1–0	–	2	—	—	10,609	—
,, 14	Charlton Athletic	H	1–1	4–1	1	2,783	—	13,986	11,203
,, 16	Blackpool	A	1–1	1–4	1	10,684	—	27,975	16,291
,, 21	Crystal Palace	A	2–1	0–2	2	5,807	—	13,577	7,770
,, 28	Norwich City	H	1–3	1–0	0	—	258	14,778	15,036
,, 30	Carlisle United	H	2–2	0–2	1	1,503	—	14,984	13,481
Oct. 5	Blackburn Rovers	H	1–1	3–5	1	649	—	20,681	20,032
,, 9	Portsmouth	A	1–1	1–2	1	—	1,042	20,393	21,435
,, 12	Derby County	A	0–1	2–1	0	9,363	—	27,146	17,783
,, 19	Hull City	H	1–0	3–2	2	—	505	13,823	14,328
,, 26	Millwall	A	0–0	0–2	1	6,091	—	15,827	9,736
Nov. 9	Aston Villa	A	1–0	0–1	2	109	—	13,374	13,285
,, 16	Bristol City	H	–	0–1					10,125
,, 23	Sheffield United	A	–	–					—
,, 30	Bolton Wanderers	H	–	1–1					19,798
Dec. 7	Oxford United	A	–	–					
,, 14	Derby County	H	–	1–1					17,871
,, 20	Hull City	A	–	1–1					14,082
,, 26	Blackburn Rovers	A	–	1–0					20,255
,, 28	Millwall	H	–	0–1					11,445
1969									
Jan. 4	**F.A. Cup 3rd Round**			3–1					
,, 11	Fulham	A	–	–					—
,, 18	Aston Villa	H	–	2–1					17,043
,, 25	**F.A. Cup 4th Round**			1–3					
Feb. 1	Bristol City	A	–	1–4					16,935
,, 8	Sheffield United	H	–	–					—
,, 15	Bolton Wanderers	A	–	0–0					14,664
,, 22	Oxford United	H	–	–					—
Mar. 1	Middlesbrough	H	–	0–0					15,229
,, 8	Huddersfield Town	A	–	1–1					10,834
,, 15	Cardiff City	H	–	3–0					13,735
,, 22	Birmingham City	A	–	0–3					27,664
,, 29	Bury	H	–	–					—
April 5	Norwich City	A	–	3–1					18,231
,, 7	Carlisle United	A	–	1–4					11,228
,, 8	Blackpool	H	–	0–2					21,499
,, 12	Crystal Palace	H	–	0–0					13,313
,, 19	Charlton Athletic	A	–	0–0					11,612
—	Fulham (postponed Nov. 2nd)	H	–	–					—

Central League, 1968-69

1968			
Aug. 10	Newcastle United	H	3–2
,, 17	Nottingham Forest	A	1–1
,, 20	Everton	A	1–1
,, 24	Coventry City	H	3–1
,, 27	Burnley	A	0–1
,, 31	West Bromwich Albion	A	1–2
Sept. 7	Manchester United	H	2–0
,, 16	Everton	H	0–1
,, 21	Bury	H	3–1
,, 28	Sheffield Wednesday	A	0–1
Oct. 5	Leeds United	A	1–0
,, 12	Blackburn Rovers	H	1–1
,, 14	Leeds United	H	0–0
,, 19	Blackpool	A	0–1
,, 26	Liverpool	H	0–5
Nov. 2	Bolton Wanderers	A	1–2
,, 9	Aston Villa	H	2–2
,, 16	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	....
,, 23	Manchester City	H	....
,, 30	Sheffield United	A	....
Dec. 7	Derby County	H	....

1968			
Dec. 14	Blackburn Rovers	A	....
,, 21	Blackpool	H	....
,, 28	Liverpool	A	....
1969			
Jan. 4	Stoke City	H	....
,, 11	Bolton Wanderers	H	....
,, 18	Aston Villa	A	....
,, 25	Burnley	H	....
Feb. 1	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	....
,, 8	Manchester City	A	....
,, 15	Sheffield United	H	....
,, 22	Derby County	A	....
Mar. 1	Newcastle United	A	....
,, 8	Nottingham Forest	H	....
,, 14	Coventry City	A	....
,, 22	West Bromwich Albion	H	....
,, 29	Manchester United	A	....
April 5	Sheffield Wednesday	H	....
,, 8	Stoke City	A	....
,, 12	Bury	A	....
,, 19	Huddersfield Town	H	....
—	—Huddersfield Town	A	....

TS AND FIGURES

North End Appearances and Goals, 1968-69

Football League, Division II—P17, W6, D7, L4, Goals F18, A15, Pts 19

	G	*RB*	*LB*	*RH*	*CH*	*LH*	*OR*	*IR*	*CF*	*IL*	*OL*	*Total*
Alan KELLY	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17
Bert PATRICK	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
George ROSS	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14
John RITCHIE	—	—	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15
Jim SMITH	—	—	2	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11
Graham HAWKINS	—	—	—	—	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	17
Ken KNIGHTON	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	—	—	3	—	17
Jim McNAB	—	—	—	8	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	11
David WILSON	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	14
Alan SPAVIN	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	—	—	—	17
Willie IRVINE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	—	—	16
Gerry INGRAM	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	11	—	12
George LYALL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
Archie GEMMILL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	4
Derek TEMPLE	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	7	10
Frank LEE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	7
Total	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	

League Division II Scorers—Irvine 11; Knighton 3; Spavin, Lee, Temple, Ingram, 1 each—Total 17. League Cup Scorers—Irvine 3.

LEAGUE DIVISION II

(up to and including 15th November)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts
Millwall	18	10	4	4	34	18	24
Derby County	17	9	5	3	18	12	23
Blackburn Rovers	18	9	5	4	26	18	23
Crystal Palace	18	9	4	5	33	25	22
Huddersfield Town	18	9	4	5	27	20	22
Middlesbrough	17	10	2	5	26	21	22
Hull City	18	7	7	4	26	19	21
Charlton Athletic	18	7	6	5	24	24	20
Preston North End	17	6	7	4	18	15	19
Cardiff City	18	8	3	7	27	28	19
Blackpool	18	5	8	5	20	17	18
Bolton Wanderers	17	6	4	7	27	24	16
Sheffield United	18	6	4	8	21	23	16
Carlisle United	18	5	6	7	15	24	16
Portsmouth	18	4	8	6	23	24	16
Norwich City	17	6	3	8	24	25	15
Bristol City	17	2	10	5	13	18	14
Bury	17	4	6	7	25	33	14
Birmingham City	18	6	1	11	34	38	13
Oxford United	18	4	5	9	13	23	13
Fulham	17	2	7	8	15	25	11
Aston Villa	18	2	7	9	13	28	11

CENTRAL LEAGUE

(up to and including 15th November)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts
Manchester United	18	13	3	2	36	18	29
Liverpool	17	12	2	3	37	10	26
Burnley	19	9	5	5	32	23	23
Newcastle United	16	10	2	4	24	14	22
West Bromwich A.	17	8	4	5	29	18	20
Wolverhampton W.	17	8	4	5	28	25	20
Everton	18	7	4	7	15	21	18
Sheffield Wednesday	17	6	5	6	18	18	17
Bolton Wanderers	17	7	3	7	22	28	17
Sheffield United	16	5	6	5	23	16	16
Nottingham Forest	15	6	4	5	31	27	16
Aston Villa	17	5	6	6	20	27	16
Stoke City	14	6	3	5	13	13	15
Preston North End	17	5	5	7	19	22	15
Manchester City	16	7	0	9	25	25	14
Blackpool	18	5	4	9	36	39	14
Bury	17	6	2	9	21	26	14
Leeds United	17	4	6	7	13	21	14
Blackburn Rovers	18	4	5	9	22	34	13
Huddersfield Town	17	6	1	10	18	33	13
Derby County	16	2	7	7	11	21	11
Coventry City	16	1	5	10	12	26	7

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BRISTOL CITY QUIZ

1—What is Bristol City's nickname, and for what fairly obvious reason ?
2—Have they always played at Ashton Gate ?
3—Who was City's most capped international player ? (Clue: a state of marriage).
4—What was his special pride ?
5—And his greatest disappointment ?
6—Who was City's most accomplished post-war star ?

Answers on page 17

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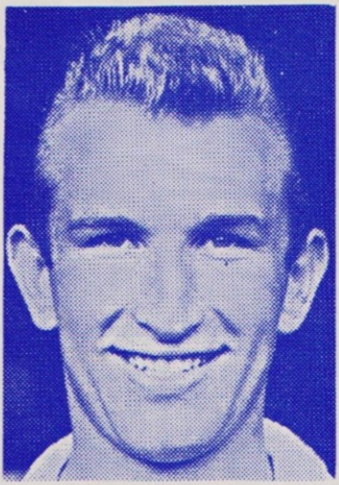
Man at the Helm



ALAN DICKS

BRISTOL CITY'S MANAGER

ALAN DICKS was thrown into the deep end of the managerial pool. When Bristol City appointed him on October 16th, 1967, the club was only one point above the bottom team and they had won only one of twelve matches played. But he managed to pull them out of trouble and hopes to improve the position this year.

Mr. Dicks began his football career as a Millwall amateur but he took the professional plunge with Chelsea in December, 1951. He made his League debut in 1953/54.

After seven years at Stamford Bridge, he moved to Southend United in 1958 and was a regular in their League side for just over three years before Coventry offered him the job as their assistant-manager. "I continued to play for a little while at centre-half in the reserves," he said.

It provided a big contrast for him stepping from Coventry City, with whom he had known only continual success, to struggling Bristol City, but his experience at Highfield Road stood him in good stead and he is now happily settled into his task of improving the outlook at Ashton Gate.

Man in the Middle

ROY HARPER (Sheffield)

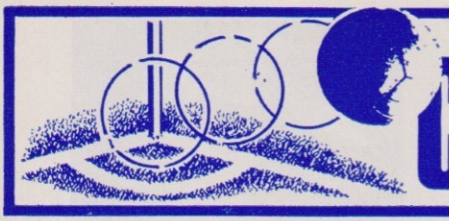
ROY HARPER, a sales engineer in Sheffield, had high hopes of making a name for himself as a player but, after playing for both Sheffield Wednesday and United as an amateur, he realised he wouldn't make the grade as a professional.

"That's why I decided to take up refereeing," he recalled. "It would have been around 1948 I think." Up he went through the Central League until he made the Football League line in 1957. Four years later he became a League referee.

He was a linesman for two League Cup finals (1962 and 1966) and has run the line in European Cup games. Last season he refereed the Scotland v. Ireland amateur international.

"Some people find it difficult to understand why we referees enjoy our job. Most of us dedicate ourselves to the game; we wouldn't take up refereeing unless we had our heart in it. We all get cat-called at times but that's human nature. And the good times by far outnumber the bad."

Mr. Harper is married with one daughter.



CORNER KICKS

NOT AT HOME

A quick glance at the Football League Tables will indicate the plight of first division Nottingham Forest.

Forest are the only club in the Football League not to have won a home match this term. But taking a closer look at the situation, one will see that Forest in fact have not played at HOME since 24th August, 1968.

Following the disastrous fire which completely wrecked their main stand and dressing rooms on Saturday, 24th August, 1968, Forest have had to play all their Home matches on Meadow Lane, home of Notts County.

Obviously, for Forest "There's no place like home."

TEAM OF MANY COLOURS

Not for many a year has there been a "colour scheme" in League life like that at Blackpool, for three of the first four players who hit Second Division goals for them this season were White, Green and Brown. It seems a pity there isn't either a Gray or a Black among their company of potential additional scorers.

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THE LIGHTER SIDE OF TRAINING

George Ross and Alan Kelly pictured during a training session at Willow Farm.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1—"The Robins," because of their red shirts.
2—Only since 1904. The ten previous years — the first three as Bristol South End — were at St. John's Lane, where the first match, on September 1st, 1894, was with Swindon Town, who were billed as champions of the West.
3—Billy ("Smiler") Wedlock, smallest centre half of note (referring to height!) the game has known, with 19 England caps — they got one for each match in those days.
4—Being England's automatic choice for six seasons against all three home countries, despite powerful competition.
5—Being temporarily superseded by North End's Joe McCall for the match v. Wales, 1912-13, which was played, ironically, on Bristol City's ground! England won 4-3. Wedlock was recalled for one more game.
6—John Atyeo who made more League appearances (597) and scored more League goals (315) than any other City player.

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O — HUDDERSFIELD TOWN v. MILLWALL
P — MIDDLESBROUGH v. BOLTON WANDERERS
Q — PORTSMOUTH v. ASTON VILLA

PRESTON NORTH END SUPPORTERS CLUB

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Clubhouse, on Tuesday next, 19th November, 1968, commencing 8-0 p.m.

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The Supporters' Club will be running a coach to Sheffield on Saturday, 23rd November, 1968. For further details of price and times contact the Travel Secretary at the Clubhouse.

SHEFFIELD UNITED do not have a Supporters' Clubhouse at present. Plans are afoot for a luxury Clubhouse to be opened 1969.

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Preston North End Reserve v. Manchester City Reserve

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PRESTON NORTH END v. BOLTON WANDERERS

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